

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

In Re: BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE, INC.,) Master File No. IP 00-9374-C-B/S
TIRES PRODUCTS LIABILITY) MDL No. 1373
LITIGATION) (centralized before Hon. Sarah
_____) Evans Barker, Judge)

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ORDER

This matter having come before the Court on the Motion to Extend Deadlines filed by Defendant Bridgestone/Firestone North American Tire LLC, as successor to Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc. ("Firestone"), and the Court having examined the same and being duly advised in the premises now grants said Motion. It is accordingly,

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that all of the deadlines for the cases entering the MDL on or after December 1, 2003 shall be extended by sixty (60) days from those dates contained in the November 14, 2003 order as follows:

1. Case specific discovery (with the exception of discovery related to expert witnesses) shall be completed by **April 27, 2004**.
2. Lists identifying all expert witnesses and the topics on which they are expected to testify shall be exchanged by the parties by **February 10, 2004**.
3. The plaintiffs shall serve their expert witness reports by **March 9, 2004**; the defendants shall serve their expert witness reports by **April 9, 2004**.

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4. The parties shall exchange lists identifying supplemental experts who will offer expert opinions on topics for which another party has identified an expert, but for which the supplementing party has not yet identified an expert, by **March 9, 2004**.


5. The parties' supplemental expert witness reports shall be served by **April 9, 2004**.

6. Discovery related to those expert witnesses whose opinions will be relevant to motions for summary judgment shall be completed by **April 27, 2004**. All other expert discovery shall be completed by **June 11, 2004**.

7. All motions for summary judgment shall be filed by **May 13, 2004**, and shall be briefed in accordance with Local Rule 56.1. Therefore, responses shall be filed within 30 days of the motions and replies shall be filed within 15 days of the responses.

8. All "core" Daubert motions shall be filed no later than **April 13, 2004**. Responses shall be filed within 30 days of the motions; replies within 15 days of the responses. Only one motion directed to a particular "core" expert opinion shall be filed, with the caption of the motion listing the cause numbers of all cases in which the expert's report has been submitted. Also by **April 13, 2004**, the parties shall file a notice of intent to file after remand any case-specific Daubert motion in a given case, in order to put transferor courts on notice of those intended filings.

ENTERED this 8 day of January, 2004



V. Sue Shields
United States Magistrate Judge
Southern District of Indiana

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